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## Charrois' pay suspended again

By Mike Williscraft  
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Grimsby Coun. Veronica Charrois was dealt a 60-day suspension of remuneration after an Integrity Commissioner (IC) investigation found another breach of council's Code of Conduct.

The heart of the matter was Charrois' conduct at a Grimsby Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on July 4 at town hall. A series of allegations - from disruptive behaviour to recording private conversations - were levelled in two complaints; one from a committee member and another from its chair, Coun. Reg Freake.

In his 38-page report, IC Michael Maynard found Charrois breached the code on three occa-

sions.

Part of the reason for the delay in submitting a finding to council was Maynard's referral of the most egregious allegation - recording a private conversation - to Niagara Regional Police as is his duty as per the Towns Code of Conduct.

This reads: "(b) If the complaint on its face is an allegation of a criminal nature consistent with the Criminal Code of Canada, the [Integrity Commissioner] shall refer it to the appropriate authorities and advise the complainant that if the complainant wishes to pursue any such allegation, the complainant must pursue it with the appropriate police service."

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### Wonder of Christmas

The magical effect of Christmas lights is evident for the McLeans, (L to R) Avery, 3, dad Scott and Noah, 5 at last week's West Lincoln Shines tree lighting at the West Lincoln Community Centre. Loree - Photo

## Local dancers to perform in Nutcracker

By Evan Loree  
For NewsNow

Young dancers from across Niagara West are preparing for a big opportunity on Friday.

The acclaimed, Toronto-based Jørgen Dance Academy is per-

forming The Nutcracker at the First Ontario Concert Hall supported by local dancers from the Smithville and Grimsby Dance Academy schools.

Samantha Burgoyne-Watson, owner of Smithville and Grims-

by Dance Academy locations, jumped at the chance when the professional ballet company asked if she'd like to participate in the annual show by offering her academy as a rehearsal space.

"I thought this was such a cool

experience for kids," she said.

She said six of her students were selected to fill 11 parts in the Nutcracker after auditions wrapped up late September.

Students from academies in

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